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**Resolution 1975-03-22**

**THE ANADROMOUS FISH AND THE COMMERCIAL FISHERIES  
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS**

**WHEREAS**, inflation has rapidly increased over the past few years; and

**WHEREAS**, both the Anadromous Fish (P.L. 89-304) and Commercial Fisheries Research and Development (P.L. 88-309) Acts have been level funded during the last four fiscal years; and

**WHEREAS**, there are insufficient state funds to make up the losses in program effectiveness caused by inflationary attrition of these federal appropriations; and

**WHEREAS**, the enabling legislation covering both Acts provides Congress with the authority to substantially increase funding; and

**WHEREAS**, planned funding for fiscal year 1976 compared to fiscal year 1975 is reduced \$800,000 and will require considerable curtailment in program output because of this and the need to meet inflation-generated increased costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the coastal states and the federal government are faced with enormous problems and increased monetary commitments in fisheries, a major part of which will be responsible for offshore management under extended jurisdiction;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges Congress to increase 1976 funding at least thirty-five percent over fiscal year 1975 to maintain the activities supported by both Acts;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration augment its fiscal year 1977 budget at the prevailing inflationary rate so that funding for these Acts will be at a level which will maintain program effectiveness.